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GDAŃSK

In remote times Gdańsk was a Slav fishing settlement which in the early Middle Ages became a citadel and a port. It reached the peak of its glory between the second half of the 15th century and the mid—17th century. At that time, the whole of Poland's overseas trade went through Gdańsk. In those times Poland was a big producer and exporter of grain and Gdańsk became known, not without reason, as a "Europe's Granary". The merchants of Gdańsk made large fortunes that could be compared only with those of the great nobles. The subsequent decline of the city was caused by the destructions during the Swedish invasion (1655), as a result of which—just as in later wars, Gdańsk became under the Treaty of Versailles, a free city where Polish installations included a Post Office and railways.

The postal workers and the Polish military detachment of some 200 men living at the Westerplatte peninsula, wrote their names in Polish history by their heroic fight with the Nazi invader in 1939. The shells fired on Westerplatte from the German war-ship Schleswig-Holstein heralded the outbreak of the Second World War. During the fighting Gdańsk sustained serious damage.

The city became prosperous again after the liberation in 1945. The harbour was rebuilt, the old districts carefully renovated. As a result of that work, it is again possible to admire the old historical buildings of Gdańsk in all their original beauty.

Old Gdańsk was in ancient times surrounded by a whole system of walls and towers, many of which are still existent — e.g: Straw Tower and Prison Tower.

WHAT IS WORTH SEEING IN GDAŃSK

The Old Town — From the Golden Gate to the Green Gate you will find a district packed tightly with Renaissance, Baroque and Roccoco houses. Each is different but all blend into a beautiful harmonious whole.

Coloured plaster, Renaissance reliefs, Baroque parapets, ornamental terraces typical of Gdańsk in the form of small platforms between the streets and the front door — all these decorative elements can be seen in the burghers' residences which have survived till our times. Among the finest are the Golden House with twelve windows, the Lion's Castle, the Ferber House and the Angel's House.

The City's Town Hall — Erected in 14th century with a high tower crowned by a Renaissance finial bearing the gilded statue of the Polish King Sigismund Augustus.

The Artus Court—A famous house with Gothic interiors and a facade reconstructed in the Renaissance style. In the old times Gdańsk patricians used to gather there for commercial and social purposes. The Neptune's fountain (17th century) stands in front of it.

The gothic Church of the Holy Virgin Mary — The severe interior with its powerful white pillars and ogival vaults, monumental in its simplicity makes an unforgettable impression. The church can house 25 thousand worshippers.

The Great Water Mill was in operation for six centuries until damaged by fire during the struggle of Gdańsk in 1945. Rebuilt some years later it is again considered to be a special attraction for the visitors.

The Royal Granary — Situated on the Motlava river, built at the order of King Casimir of Jagiellonian Dynasty was used for storing of royal grain.

The medieval Crane House — Built in 1444 was utilised for the transshipment of cargo, to place masts on ships that were newly built or even for defensive purposes. This unusual building now contains the Marine Museum.

Visiting Gdańsk harbour by boat — The most ancient harbour of Gdańsk was situated in the basin of the Motlava River, where only small ships mostly passenger boats penetrate today. The landing stage is on Wartka Street. For many years a modern harbour was being expanded in the basin of the Dead Vistula. The harbour may now be visited only by boat; the trip takes two hours and starts from the landing stage at the Green Gate.

SHORT TOURS FROM GDAŃSK

OLIWA — A part of Gdańsk which borders with Sopot. The ancient Cathedral (13th and 14th century) houses numerous historic relics. In its vaults you will find the tombs of Pomeranian Slav Dukes. The 18thcentury organ is extraordinary for its power and purity of ton.

It has 6300 pipes and 101 registers and is electrically operated. In the old times seven men were needed to work its bellows.

Around the cathedral stretches famous park, laid out in the 18th century with old trees, tropical plants and shady avenues leading towards the sea. You can also visit a famous Oliwa ZOO Garden situated amidst the woods and hills.

SOPOT — Already in the 16th century Sopot was the bathing resort of the inhabitants of Gdańsk. The 19th century left it with the names of Northern Riviera and Pearl of the Baltic. Its famous pier runs far out into the sea and is more than half a kilometre long. A park extends along the coast from the broad beaches of Jelitkowo to the outskirts of Gdynia. In Sopot woods is the famous open-air Forest Opera with 5000 seats. Sunny beaches, horse racing and the annual International Song Festival bring every year to Sopot hundreds thousands of tourists.

GDYNIA — Situated a few kilometres further south-west of Sopot is connected with Gdańsk by electric railway, bus or trolleybus. Built on the site of a small fishing village, in 1933 Gdynia became the largest and most modern Polish port on the Baltic sea. Round the port a town was rising rapidly covering the wide area with big office buildings, modern apartment and small family houses. Gdynia has a numerous tourist attractions. You can visit here an interesting Museum of the Navy, attend the annual Sea Days and make a trip to Hel peninsula on board the "Mazowsze" ship.

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